**Shortage of doctors in PHCs**

674. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) in rural areas that are existing, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that rural health care is facing challenges due to non-availability of doctors in PHCs and CHCs;

(c) if so, whether Government are taking action to meet the challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There are 23109 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and 3222 Community Health Centres (CHCs) functioning in the country as on September, 2004. The state-wise detail is at enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Ensuring availability of doctors in PHCs and CHCs is indeed a challenge. A Task Group set up under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) analysed the problems regarding availability of doctors and has offered recommendations, which has been shared with the States.

The States have taken various initiatives such as compulsory rural/ difficult area posting for admission to post-graduate courses and as a pre-requisite for promotion, foreign assignment or training abroad; compulsory rotation of doctors on completion of prescribed tenure as per classification of locations; contractual appointment of doctors; of forgoing non-practicing allowance and undertaking practice without compromising on assigned duties, as per the service rules; offering incentive form of allowance etc. to ensure the presence of doctors in rural areas.

***Statement***

*Number of Sub-centres, PHCS & CHCS Functioning*

As on Sept. 04

| S. No. | State/UT | Sub centre | PHCs | CHCs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 12522 | 1490 | 161 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 376 | 78 | 31 |
| 3. | Assam | 5109 | 610 | 100 |
| 4. | Bihar | 10337 | 1648 | 101 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 3818 | 516 | 116 |
| 6. | Goa | 172 | 19 | 5 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 7274 | 1070 | 271 |
| 8. | Haryana | 2433 | 408 | 72 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 2067 | 438 | 66 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 1879 | 334 | 70 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 4462 | 561 | 47 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 8143 | 1679 | 253 |
| 13. | Kerala | 5094 | 933 | 115 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 8835 | 1194 | 227 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 9727 | 1780 | 382 |
| 16. | Manipur | 420 | 72 | 16 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 401 | 95 | 23 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 351 | 57 | 12 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 394 | 87 | 21 |
| 20. | Orissa | 5927 | 1282 | 231 |
| 21. | Punjab | 2852 | 484 | 117 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 9926 | 1675 | 298 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 147 | 24 | 4 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 8682 | 1380 | 35 |
| 25. | Tripura | 539 | 73 | 9 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 1525 | 229 | 36 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 18577 | 3640 | 294 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 10356 | 1173 | 95 |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 107 | 20 | 4 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 38 | 6 | 1 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 21 | 3 | 1 |
| 33. | Delhi | 42 | 8 | 0 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 14 | 4 | 3 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 75 | 39 | 4 |
| | ALL INDIA | 142655 | 23109 | 3222 |

Note: Figures are provisional.

**Illegal organ trading**

675. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of organ trading continue in the country unchecked, despite the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, banning it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any study to identify the discrepancies in the implementation of the said Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?